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List of candidates nominated by national groups

Note by the Secretary-General**

1. By a communication dated 31 January 2008 addressed on behalf of the Secretary-General to States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, attention was drawn to the fact that the terms of office of the following five members of the Court will expire on 5 February 2009:

Ronny Abraham (France)

Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan)

Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar)

2. In conformity with Article 4 and Article 13 of the Statute of the Court, the General Assembly and the Security Council, during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, will elect five judges for a period of nine years, beginning on 6 February 2009. In accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Court, national groups were thus invited to undertake the nomination of persons in a position to accept the duties of a member of the Court and to submit such nominations to the Secretary-General no later than 30 June 2008.

3. In accordance with Article 7 of the Statute of the Court, the Secretary-General has the honour to submit to the General Assembly and to the Security Council a list in alphabetical order of all the persons thus nominated (see annex).

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** In accordance with the Statute of the Court, the Secretary-General requested States parties to the Statute to provide nominations to the Court from national groups by 30 June 2008. The present document could therefore not be prepared earlier.

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4. The composition of the Court and the voting procedure to be followed in the General Assembly and in the Security Council are set out in a memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/63/186-S/2008/502). The curricula vitae of the candidates appear in document A/63/188-S/2008/504.

Annex

List of candidates nominated by national groups

Name and nationality	*Nominated by the national group of*
Abraham, Ronny (France)	Argentina
	Australia
	Austria
	Belgium
	Czech Republic
	Denmark
	Finland
	France
	Hungary
	Iceland
	India
	Jordan
	Morocco
	New Zealand
	Nigeria
	Norway
	Poland
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	Spain
	Sweden
	Switzerland
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	United States of America
Al-Khasawneh, Awn Shawkat (Jordan)	Argentina
	Australia

Name and nationality	*Nominated by the national group of*
	Belgium
	Denmark
	Egypt
	Finland
	France
	Hungary
	Iceland
	Jordan
	Lithuania
	Morocco
	Netherlands
	Nicaragua
	Nigeria
	Norway
	Poland
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	Spain
	Sweden
	Switzerland
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Bula-Bula, Sayeman (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Cançado Trindade, Antônio Augusto (Brazil)	Argentina
	Belgium
	Brazil
	Costa Rica
	Democratic Republic of the Congo
	Denmark

Name and nationality	*Nominated by the national group of*
	Ecuador
	Finland
	Germany
	Hungary
	Iceland
	India
	Mexico
	Morocco
	Netherlands
	Norway
	Poland
	Portugal
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	Sweden
	Switzerland
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Defensor-Santiago, Miriam (Philippines)	Philippines
Greenwood, Christopher (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Argentina
	Australia
	Austria
	Belgium
	China
	Denmark
	Finland
	France
	Hungary
	Iceland
	India

Name and nationality	*Nominated by the national group of*
	Jordan
	Netherlands
	New Zealand
	Norway
	Poland
	Slovakia
	Sweden
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	United States of America
Kamto, Maurice (Cameroon)	Cameroon
	France
	India
Nieto-Navia, Rafael (Colombia)	Colombia
Yusuf, Abdulqawi Ahmed (Somalia)	Netherlands
	Slovenia
	Somalia
	Switzerland